AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 21-32, as follows:

It has been found that when drospirenone is provided in micronized form in a pharmaceutical composition, rapid dissolution of the active compound from the composition occurs in vitro. A micronized substance is such that a test batch (ca. 200 mg) of the particles, herein drospirenone particles, has a surface area of more than 10,000 cm^2/g, and has the following particle size distribution for drospirenone as determined under the microscope: not more than 2% of the particles in a given batch (ca. 200 mg) with a diameter of more than 30 µm, and preferably ≤ 20% of the particles with a diameter of ≥ 10 µm and ≤ 30 µm. The term "rapid dissolution" is defined as the dissolution of at least 70% over about 30 minutes, in particular at least 80% over about 20 minutes, of drospirenone from a tablet preparation containing 3 mg of drospirenone in 900 ml of water at 37°C determined by the USP XXIII Paddle Method using a USP dissolution test apparatus 2 at 50 rpm.